

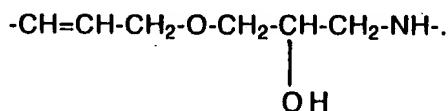
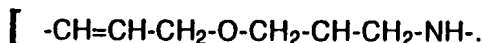
wherein [if B is purine, A is attached to the 8-position thereof,]
if B is 7-deazapurine, A is attached to the 7-position thereof, and if B
is pyrimidine, A is attached to the 5-position thereof;

wherein m, n and p are integers, provided that m and p are not simultaneously 0 and provided further n is never 0, and

wherein z represents H or HO-; and

(b) detecting said compound or compounds so as to detect said nucleic acid.

³¹ 183. (Amended) ²⁹ The method of claim 181 wherein the linkage group comprises the moiety



Add new claim 185 as follows:

³⁷ ³² 185. (New) ³⁶ The method of claim 130 wherein when said microorganism is Streptococcus pyrogenes or Neisseria meningitidis, said antibiotic is penicillin, wherein when said microorganism is Staphylococcus aureus, Candida albicans, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Streptococcus pyrogenes, or Neisseria gonorrhoeae, said antibiotic is a tetracycline, and wherein when said microorganism is Mycobacterium tuberculosis, said antibiotic is an aminoglycoside.

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Cancel claims 151, 141 and 184, without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of any of these claims in a duly filed continuation application.

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